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Price 3 cents

CLOSING OUT SALE OF SUMMER STUFFS,

Beginning MONDAY, JULY 24th, we will commence the sale of all Summer Goods at sweeping reductions in prices. Our object shall be to clear the house, regardless of price or loss, or profit, of everything in hot weather goods. Don't delay. Come at once and get the choicest.

Beautiful Summer Wash Silks, sold at 50 cents, now 39¢. Sheer Fine Imported Organzies, sold at 37¢, now 25¢. Lovely Fine Lawns, in the season's new designs, sold at 12½¢, now at 9¢. Best quality Percales, yard wide, fast colors, sold at 12½¢, now 9¢. A lot of Fine Printed Cambrics, almost a yard wide, sold at 10¢, now at 7½¢. A small lot of 12½¢. Woven Madras to clean up at 7¢. A lot of Striped and Dotted P. K.'s sold at 12½¢, to clean up at 9¢. A lot of Beautiful Dress Gingham sold at 8¢, now 5¢.

Shirt Waist.

Every Shirt Waist that sold for \$1.00, and every one that sold for 85¢, and 75¢. All go in the same pile on table at door, and your choice now is 50¢, all round.

PARASOLS.

Hot suns mean burnt and tanned skins unless you have a Parasol. We want to close ours and prices have been cut almost in half. \$1.50 kinds now \$1.00; \$2.00 kinds now \$1.50.

E. W. STEARNS,

OPERA HOUSE DRY GOODS STORE.

Liquor Dealers.

P. McCracken, Bro. & Co.,
Wholesale and Retail—
GROCERIES AND LIQUOR DEALERS.
Offer Ten Thousand Gallons PURE RYE and BOURBON WHISKIES, from the following well known distilleries: Graft & Co., of Ohio; Boone County Distilling Co., of Kentucky; Monticello Distillery, of Maryland; and W. F. Gray, of Pennsylvania. Agents for Berger & Engel's Lager Beer. They also offer Staple and Fancy Groceries, Agricultural Implements, Seeds, Guano, and Cement.

MRS JENCIE MONROE,

DEALER IN
Liquors and Groceries,
Commerce St., FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

I am the sole agent here of the celebrated APPLEWOOD WHISKY. I also keep all grades of Whiskey from \$1.00 up to \$1.50 per gallon. King Lear Whisky at \$1.00. In the world, APPLE BRANDIES from \$2.00 to \$4.00.

A full stock of Corned Potatoes, Herring on hand.

Consult your interest by calling on me before buying or making your purchases.

MRS. JENCIE MONROE.

GROCERIES.

LIQUORS & GROCERIES.
My stock of Liquors is large, consisting of Foreign and Domestic BRANDIES, Pure Applewood and Farmers' Brand Pure Rye Whisky, \$2 a gallon, MAGNIFICENT APPLE BRANDY, WARRANTED PURE.
EUGENE BODE,
Cor. Commerce and Liberty Sts.

REMEMBER

That Honest Dealings,
Full Measure and
Pure Liquors

have built us the largest trade in this city.

Inspect our stock before you make your purchases for the holidays. We guarantee satisfaction.

Whiskey from \$1.20 per gal. up.

Six Brands Ryes at \$2 per gal.

Also higher grades

Whiskies, Brandies, Gins,
Rums Wines,

and in fact everything found in a first-class Liquor and Tobacco House.

Strasburger & Son,

315 and 315A Commerce St.

Furs Wanted.

ELK RUN WHISKY.

This celebrated brand of KENTUCKY PURE RYE WHISKY, guaranteed 100 proof and 2 years old at \$3 per gallon, is for sale by Mrs. J. F. Monroe, Commerce street, Fredericksburg, Va. For flavor it has no superior at the price. It is smooth, pleasant to drink, and there is no headache in a gallon. Come and try it, and you will buy no other.

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FINE TEAS,

WINE AND LIQUORS.

Pure Rye Whiskey, Pure Old Rum, Pure Holland Gin, Pure Sherry Wine, Pure French Brandy, Pure Apple Brandy, Pure Peach Brandy, Pure Blackberry Brandy. A complete stock of Liquors for medicinal use at the old Reliable Grocery Store of

CHAS. WALLACE & BRO.

Cor. Main Commerce Sts.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

Timothy Hay.

Two car loads CHOICE TIMOTHY HAY, in store and for sale by

MAGRATH & CHESLEY.

Pennyroyal Pills

Chick's Pennyroyal Pills. Original and only Genuine. Cures all kinds of female ailments, such as irregular menstruation, white and red discharges, and all other diseases of the female system. It is a safe and reliable remedy, and is sold by all druggists. Price, 25 cents per box. Sold by all druggists.

DON'T FORGET THAT

When you want a good shave, as good as a Barber ever gave, just call on me at my Saloon. At noon and eve or busy noon, I comb and dress the hair with grace. To suit the countenance of your face my room is neat, my towels clean, scissors sharp and razors keen; And all that art and skill can do, if you will call I'll do for you. Razors put in order at short notice.

W. H. BAYLOR

A Virginia Mother

Friend, beginning six months before confinement. She felt partly well up to a few hours before the baby was born, and was in labor less than two hours. She had no morning sickness, no headache, no distressing tightness, no swollen or rising breasts. Her baby was strong and the picture of health.

Mother's Friend is the only remedy known which relieves the expectant mother. It is a liniment to be applied externally. Nothing but harm can come from taking medicine internally at such times. All internal preparations said to relieve coming mothers are not only humbugs, but positively dangerous.

Mother's Friend costs \$1 a bottle of druggists, or you can send to

The Bradford Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

KING GEORGE.

Personal and Other Items of Interest.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

King George C. H., July 27, '99.

Mr. Clifford Montjoy, a bright member of the legal profession of New York city, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Jemima Montjoy, at her pretty home, near the Court House, has returned.

Mr. Freeland Mason, of Washington, who has been visiting his parents, Major and Mrs. J. J. Mason, at Cleveland, has returned.

The District Conference of the M. E. Church South, held last week in Trinity M. E. Church, in our village, was attended by immense crowds—able and eloquent sermons were preached. The free dinners served were most tempting and profuse, and the hospitality displayed was only equaled by the beauty of the many fair women present.

Mrs. W. W. Montjoy, of New York, is visiting Mrs. Jemima Montjoy.

Mr. Roy Mason left Monday by steamer, for a trip to Washington.

Mrs. Rose T. Hunter, who has been visiting relations in the county, has returned to Washington.

Mrs. A. L. Robb is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rosalie E. Stuart, at "Cedar Grove."

Mr. Charles C. Stuart, of New Orleans, who has been with the army in Cuba for the past ten months, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Rosalie E. Stuart, at "Cedar Grove."

Your correspondent was pleased to meet Major Peatross, of Caroline county, who attended the conference last week—the Major looks almost as young as when he and I were comrades in the gallant old 10th Va. Infantry.

Mr. O. Calvert Stuart, of Baltimore, is visiting his mother at Cedar Grove.

Miss Roberta Ansley, who has been visiting Miss Margaret Stuart at Cedar Grove, returned to her home in Alexandria this morning.

\$100 Reward. \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is no one dreaded disease that science has been unable to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietor has no other aim in its curative powers, than that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials.

Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Senator Elkin's Emphatic Words in Secretary Alger's Behalf.

"Secretary Alger," said Senator Elkin, of West Virginia, who was Secretary of War under the Harrison administration, speaking to a Washington Post reporter, "was Secretary of War during the conduct of the most successful war in the history of the United States. He achieved the greatest results in the shortest possible space of time. His quick and victorious conclusion, while he was at the head of his department, is a fact that stands out most prominently, and cannot be disputed. Of course, there were mistakes. There are always mistakes, but in this particular war the mistakes were infinitesimal compared with the great results that were accomplished."

"Secretary Alger," continued the Senator, speaking deliberately and with emphasis, "has been compelled to endure a series of undeserved, not to say brutal, assaults. He did not deserve the harsh things which were said of him, but he bore them bravely, standing manfully under the abuse which might otherwise have been thrown at the President. Time will vindicate him. There will be a reaction in his favor."

"I say these things all the more readily because Secretary Alger and I have not been in the same way of thinking in our party. I am no apologist for him. I do not want to be drawn into any controversy, but I hope I may never hesitate to do justice to any man."

A new industry in Kansas is the manufacture of salt. A large deposit has been discovered on the line of the Santa Fe Railroad, near the town of Hutchinson, in the central part of the State, which the local geologists claim to be the largest in the world. More than \$3,000,000 has already been invested in plants to purify it, and the output last year reached nearly 2,000,000 barrels.

R. L. BISCOE, Commerce St., FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

Attention Harvesters!

MAACHINE OIL and FLY PAPER

—AT—

Magrath & Chesley.

WESTMORELAND.

Talk of Moving the County Seat—Legislative Candidates—Personal, &c.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Montross, Va., July 27, 1899.

A small crowd assembled at Montross Monday, it being the regular term of the court. No cases of note occupied the time. There was a full turnout of the new and old officers of the county, all of whom seemed to feel in a good humor. The outside ground represented a lively speculative aspect in the shape of water melons, cider, oysters and cooked crabs, also the sale of several horses to highest bidder by Crier Atwill. We note a sharp decline in the horse market, about 3 p. m. when one was knocked out at 50 cents, the bidder declining to take him.

The moving of the county seat from Montross to Nomini Ferry was spoken of by many, and strong reasons given for such a move. It seems to be popular with most citizens, and when we remember the county has appropriated \$7,000 for improvements in her public buildings, it would seem that if a different location is anticipated, or will ever take place, now is the time to discuss and settle the matter. It is the opinion of your correspondent and a number of others, who reside near Montross, that such a change would work to the interest of the county and result in a thriving town at Nomini, where there is at present more zeal and business activity than any other point, outside of Kinsale. The question is growing in interest, and it may be that a vote on the subject may be asked for by the people.

Who shall represent the counties (Northumberland and Westmoreland) in the next House of Delegates, is a growing question and becoming interesting. Ex-Mayor S. B. Atwell is prominently spoken of and has a large following. He is well known throughout the two counties, especially by the business element. The name of Mr. W. R. Crabb, of The Hague, is also mentioned and is very popular, especially with farmers. Mr. Crabb is probably the largest farmer in the county and gives the business personal attention. Then we hear the name of J. G. Gouldman, who resides above Colonial Beach, spoken of favorably. So it is seen that while old Westmoreland claims it asher time to place a candidate in the field to represent the two counties, she does not feel embarrassed by a lack of material from which to select, and 'tis likely when the convention meets to settle this question the contest for the House will be warm.

Miss Rose Porter and Miss Bessie Mase returned from Fredericksburg last evening by Weems Line steamer, where they have been for some weeks taking advantage of the Normal. They speak very highly of Fredericksburg and report being more than pleased with the delightful time spent in the hospitable and beautiful Burg.

Westmoreland was threatened with a dry spell, which at this stage would seriously affect the crop of corn, and many farmers were becoming restless and uneasy, but at this writing we are having a delightful rain and the prospect is good for the heaviest corn crop grown here in many years.

Hon. W. W. Walker, we are sorry to note, is in bad health and left for Baltimore some days since, accompanied by his son, O. Harding Walker, for medical treatment.

Entertainments—Personal, &c.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Oak Grove, Va., July 25th, 1899.

This pleasant neighborhood has, as usual in summer time, been quite gay lately, and many social events are booked for August. The young people are, as usual, "on pleasure bent," and as this is a leisure season even those of "older growth" join in most heartily to make the guests in the neighborhood enjoy their summer outing.

On the 20th instant the Junior Order of Mechanics gave a charming lawn party and evening entertainment at their pretty lodge here, which was in every way a success. A large crowd gathered at an early hour, and it "goes without saying" that everybody had a delightful time. From a social standpoint, it was charming, and financially it was a success. A neat sum was realized to pay off a small debt remaining on the hall, which was erected a few months ago.

A few evenings ago Misses Bessie and Fannie Washington, the charming daughters of Hon. Robt. J. Washington, entertained a large number of their friends in a most enjoyable and unique manner by having a cake walk at their beautiful home, "Cambleton." We understand that the "cake walk" is one of the fads of the day, and these up-to-date young people usually follow the fashion. The aim of each couple that took part in "the walk" was to imitate the movements of the darkey, yet at the same time to combine grace and rhythm of step. The contest was thoroughly amusing, and so well did the couples do their part that it was hard to decide for a while who deserved the cake. Finally it was awarded Miss Bessie Washington and Mr. Fayette Greenlaw. So fairly was this occasion enjoyed that the young people are already planning another "walk" very soon.

Quite a number of persons from this

CAROLINE.

Personal Items and Other Notes.

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Bowling Green, Va., July 27, 1899.

Rev. W. F. Hayes and Maj. R. O. Postress returned on Friday night from the District Conference, which convened at King George C. H., this year. They bring good reports from the different churches in the District and are loud in their praises of the hospitality of the people of King George.

Miss Mollie Wallace, of Richmond, is the guest of her friend, Mrs. T. B. Gill, at her home at Milford.

Mr. W. G. Coghill and family were among those who went down on the excursion to Old Point on Thursday.

Rev. E. H. Rowe has returned to his home here, from a delightful visit to Elmwood, Mass., much improved in health.

Mrs. Ellen Downing left on Monday for Hinton, W. Va., where she will remain for some time with her brother, Judge Hodgkin.

Mr. Charlie Lee, who conducted a drug business here, for some time, but is now traveling for a Baltimore house, is in our midst, spending several days at the "Lawn."

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Will Tour the World.

Mr. Alfred G. Vanderbilt began his tour of the world just before noon on Tuesday last, when he left the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, at Newport, Rhode Island, where he expects to finish his trip fourteen weeks hence. Young Vanderbilt's departure was quiet, as all those interested in him wished it should be.

There was a family gathering for breakfast at the Breakers, the great or two of goodbye, and Mr. Alfred Vanderbilt, with Mr. W. Fitzhugh Whitehouse, Jr., got into a light trap and drove to the yacht club building, where they boarded Mr. Elbridge T. Gerry's yacht the Electra. Mr. Robert L. Gerry soon joined them, with Mr. Potter Palmer, Jr., and on the swift yacht put out of the harbor at noon bound for New York, where his companions will see Mr. Vanderbilt off.

Friends sent flowers down to the yacht for Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Whitehouse, but special efforts were made to keep the start free from anything that would tend to make it seem more than a departure upon an ordinary run to London or Paris.

In New York, Mr. Ernest Iselin, Jr., Columbia, '98, son of Mr. Adrian Iselin, Jr., Mr. William P. Barden, son of Mr. James A. Barden, and Mr. Douglas Cochran, Harvard, '99, who was a classmate of Mr. Burden, will meet Mr. Vanderbilt, and unless the party be changed before the train starts, will accompany him on his tour, which was planned by the young men some time ago, and sanctioned by their fathers as a means of rounding out their education.

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not only grow the best turnips, but they make a large yield—quantity and quality too. Our aim is to grow and supply seeds that are adapted in kind, variety and growth to the soil and climate of the South, and that we are succeeding is evidenced by the large sale and splendid reputation which Wood's Seeds enjoy.

If your merchant does not sell Wood's Seeds, send for our special Turnip Seed Price List. Small packages can be sent by mail, and large ones cheaply and quickly by freight.

T. W. Wood & Sons,
Seedsmen, Richmond, Va.

WOODS' FALL CATA LOGUE (all about seeds for fall planting). Crimson Clover, Hairy or Sandwhich, Rape, Winter Turf or Grazing Oats, best Seed Wheat, Grasses and Clovers, Turnip and Vegetable Seeds, Hyacinth and other Flowering Bulbs, &c. Catalogue mailed free—write for it, and prices of any seeds required. All correspondence cheerfully answered.

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If you are young you naturally appear so. If you are old, why appear so? Keep young inwardly; we will look after the outwardly. You need not worry longer about those little streaks of gray; advance agents of age.

Ayer's Hair Vigor

Will surely restore color to gray hair; and it will also give your hair all the wealth and gloss of early life.

Do not allow the falling of your hair to threaten you longer with baldness. Do not be annoyed with dandruff. We will send you our book on the Hair and Scalp, free upon request.

Write to the Doctor.
If you do not obtain all the benefit you expect from the use of the Vigor, write the doctor about it. Probably there is some difficulty with your general system which may be easily removed.

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